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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MO, SG

SUBJECT: WESTERN SAHARA: SENGHOR DISAPPOINTED AT US DECISION  
ON SALE OF ARMS TO MOROCCO

REF: STATE 057412 AND STATE 060398

1. DURING OUR CONVERSATION MARCH 17, PRESIDENT SENGHOR  
EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT USG  
HAD DECIDED NOT TO SELL CERTAIN ARMS TO MOROCCO FOR USE  
IN WESTERN SAHARA. HE SAID HE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO  
UNDERSTAND HOW USG CAN FAIL TO SEE THAT ALGERIA WANTS  
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TO DESTABILIZE THE REGION, UNDERMINE MODERATE GOVERNMENT  
IN MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, MALI AND NIGER, AND ACT  
AS A SURROGATE FOR THE SOVIET UNION IN ESTABLISHING  
MARXIST REGIMES. HE CONTRASTED THE DECISION ON ARMS SALES  
TO MOROCCO WITH THE US'S OUTSTANDING POLICIES AND  
ACTIONS IN THE HORN AND RHODESIA (SEPTELS).

2. I RESPONDED THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE POINT THAT HE AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN MAKING FOR THE PAST YEAR, BUT THAT THE MOOD IN THE UNITED STATES RIGHT NOW IS OPPOSED TO INVOLVEMENT IN REGIONAL DISPUTES WHICH ARE PERCEIVED AS LOCAL CONFLICTS BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE CONTINUING OUR NORMAL MILITARY SALES RELATIONSHIP WITH MOROCCO.

3. SENGHOR SAID THAT HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM FROM A SAHELIAN PERSPECTIVE WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS WELL AS THE ADMINISTRATION WHEN HE VISITS THE UNITED STATES DURING THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF JUNE.

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